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National Public Service Biodiesel Bus Tour to Highlight Montana Farm-to-College Local Food Efforts

Group to meet with administrators, staff, and students at both the University of Montana and Salish Kootenai College

What: The University of Montana (Missoula) and Salish Kootenai College (Pablo) will both welcome the Udall Legacy Bus Tour and share their experiences with campus farm-to-college programs. Over two days, the group will learn about the similarities and differences between the two programs. The local food projects are two of eleven campus initiatives nationwide being highlighted this summer by the cross-country Udall Legacy Biodiesel Bus Tour. In addition to learning about the farm-to-college programs, the riders on the tour will meet with University of Montana President George Dennison, administrators and Native students from Project TRAIN and Bridges to Baccalaureate Program, and participate in a service project with Salish Kootenai College students. The tour is highlighting communities and young people nationwide finding solutions to America's pressing environmental and Native American issues. The carbon neutral tour travels in a motor coach which uses a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% ultra low sulfur diesel and is the first motor coach approved by the University of Vermont's "Green Coach Certification" program.

When and Where:

Wed., July 18

1:00 PM: President George Dennison of the University of Montana to welcome the Udall Legacy Crew

1:15 PM: Presentations on farm-to-college program by UM staff and students
Food Zoo at Lommasson Center 145, The University of Montana (just east of University Avenue across Arthur)

Thurs., July 19

10:00 AM: Presentations on farm-to-college program by SKC staff and students
Three Wolves Cafeteria, Salish Kootenai College Campus (Off Hwy 93 in Pablo, MT)

Who: University of Montana President George Dennison, Lauren Caldwell (FoodCorps Volunteer, University of Montana alumna '05, Udall Scholar '04); staff and students from the University of Montana and Salish Kootenai College; 13 college-age riders from the national Udall Legacy Bus Tour promoting public service on environmental and Native American issues. The tour has been organized by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency that awards the premier merit-based scholarships, fellowships and internships for studies related to the environment and Native American policy in the United States.

Why: In the past ten years, 28 University of Montana students, and one Salish Kootenai College student have received the Morris K. Udall scholarship. At a time when the news about the environment emphasizes the problems only, we felt that this bus tour could tell a different story – a story about the positive solutions being found by our young Udall alumni, cities, tribal communities and others,” said Chris Helms, executive director of the Udall Foundation.

Visuals: First-ever green-certified biodiesel motor coach, uniformed Udall Legacy Bus tour riders.

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More information on the bus tour and the Foundation is available at www.udall.gov